

REPORT ON FIREWORKS SPOIL

UNITED GOT IN ON REQUEST OF CIVIC COMMITTEEMAN.

Made No Fireworks Itself but Sublet to Makers at About One-third What the City Paid—Mr. Fossick Calls Alderman Marx's Free Fireworks Improper.

A report submitted to Mayor Gaynor yesterday by Commissioner of Accounts Fossick on the purchase of fireworks for the city's Fourth of July celebrations sets forth that Alderman Samuel Marx, as chairman of the citizens' committee on fireworks, sent invitations on June 10 to fifteen fireworks concerns to bid for contracts and two days later two more concerns were invited to bid.

No invitation was sent to the United Fireworks Company, which subsequently got the contract for Brooklyn and The Bronx. Alderman Marx testified that his first acquaintance with the firm dated from June 15, when Hugh W. Kelly, vice-president of the concern, called on him with a letter of introduction from William A. Johnson, secretary of the citizens' committee, requesting that Kelly's company have an opportunity to bid. Alderman Marx conferred with the Aldermanic committee and was authorized to distribute the contracts as follows:

Manhattan: Lloyd Manufacturing Company, \$13,740; Brooklyn and The Bronx, United Fireworks Company, \$13,990; Queens, Pain Fireworks Company, \$2,529; and Richmond, Nordlinger-Charlton Company, \$1,250.

Commissioner Fossick says that little criticism if any attaches to the Pain and Nordlinger-Charlton contracts, and as to the Lloyd contract the department expert reported that the programme furnished was substantially complied with in the various districts but making an allowance for all expense and a 30 per cent profit the city contracted to pay \$5,000 more than the value of the goods furnished.

The report said that Aubrey Love, president of the United company, is a stenographer employed by the Hewitt Rubber Company, at 111 Broadway, and the stock is held entirely by Love and Kelly, the vice-president. The contract that the firm received from the city is greater than its total annual sales for any previous years. The company made no fireworks itself but paid \$3,000 to a subcontractor for twenty-four exhibits in Brooklyn, including the cost of firing the displays, while the city contracted to pay \$9,490 for the displays. For fourteen displays in The Bronx the company contracted to pay \$1,750, while they cost the city \$4,500. The only expense the company was put to was \$35 for a bond on its contract, while its profit was \$2,490 in Brooklyn and \$2,750 in The Bronx. Both subcontractors admitted that they made a profit.

Commissioner Fossick reported that the contract price and actual value of the displays in various districts was as follows:

District	Contract Price	Actual Value
Fifth district, Brooklyn	\$420	\$42 40
St. Mary's Park, The Bronx	300	28 75
Williamsburg Bridge Plaza	420	43 75
McKinley Square, The Bronx	420	31 00

In the case of each display Commissioner Fossick said that about \$30 additional should be added to the actual value for profit and expense of firing. Alderman Marx testified that there appeared to be no appreciable difference in the programmes submitted, so his choice in awarding the contracts was largely arbitrary. Commissioner Fossick said that this statement hardly seemed to be in accord with the facts, because the programme submitted by the United showed to poorest advantage.

Commissioner Fossick also submitted a letter from the United to the Brooklyn subcontractor ordering a good \$100 display sent to the summer home of Alderman Marx at Belle Harbor, L. I., being careful to prepare the freight and to use the United's tags. The Lloyd concern furnished a display for Belle Harbor also and Mr. Lloyd said that Max Marx, the Alderman's brother, asked for it. He said the value was about \$20. Commissioner Fossick says that neighbors of Alderman Marx testified that his display was of a private character. Mr. Marx said he notified the St. Malachi Asylum and Rockaway Park Sanitarium to keep their children away from the display, but representatives of these institutions denied that they had been notified.

Commissioner Fossick concludes that the city agreed to pay \$31,830 for fireworks worth \$13,800, including expenses and reasonable profit. He is satisfied, however, that the city was not deceived by the free fireworks for his private exhibition we regard as highly improper," concluded Commissioner Fossick.

SAYS POLICE ARE SLOW.

Register Griffenhagen Asks Waldo to Hasten Investigation of Shooting.

County Register Max S. Griffenhagen and his brother Jacob, who was shot July 5 while standing near an open window on the fifth floor of an annex to his bottling works at 302 West Twenty-fifth street, called on Police Commissioner Waldo yesterday in company with another man believed to have been a lawyer. The Griffenhagen brothers are not satisfied with the way the case has been handled by the police and asked Commissioner Waldo to try and expedite matters a little. Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty said yesterday that he knew little of the case because he was only on an investigation last Sunday. He was satisfied, however, he said, that Griffenhagen was shot by some boys who were playing with a revolver in the street. He said he was somewhat puzzled, however, as to a hint for the nearly horizontal course the bullet took across Griffenhagen's abdomen if it came from the street.

Commissioner Dougherty seemed to think that the most serious feature of the case was that it was not reported to the police until two days after the shooting, when Max Griffenhagen learned of his brother's narrow escape and as such notified the police of the old West Twenty-fifth street station. In the meantime his brother had his wound dressed, went to his home at Arverne and went in swimming.

DEFENDS NIGHT SCAVENGING.

Edwards Hints That the Opposition is Partly Manufactured.

Because of the objections which have been made by some residents of the city against the noise caused by the removal of garbage at night Mayor Gaynor a few days ago asked Street Commissioner Edwards to send to him a report as to whether the new system really did interfere with the sleep of householders. Commissioner Edwards sent yesterday to the Mayor this communication:

I have spent several nights working on this one particular thing and have listened very carefully and have noted no unusual amount of noise made by the Department of Street Cleaning. I feel that every man giving his best effort to make possible this night work, and in case any driver willfully makes any unnecessary noise I shall certainly discipline him immediately.

As far as the Department of Street Cleaning goes, our work will not be hampered in any way, shape or manner by any agitation who desire to return to day work. We are having letters commending us, as well as some letters complaining against the noise. I feel that the Department is commending the work of the department and as such letters never get into the papers I am glad to have you see them.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Gov. Dix Nominates Van Kester, Moore and Game Commissioner Fleming.

ALBANY, July 17.—Nominations sent to the State Senate for confirmation to-night by Gov. Dix included those of George E. Van Kester of Ogdensburg, to serve until December 1, 1912; James W. Fleming of Troy, to serve until December 1, 1914; and John D. Moore of New York city, to serve until December 1, 1912, as Conservation Commissioners at a salary of \$10,000. The Governor has designated Mr. Van Kester as chairman of the commission.

The conservation department, over which the three commissioners will have supervision, will have three divisions. It will take over the State, Forest, Fish and Game Commission, the State Forest Purchasing Board, the State Water Supply Commission and the Black River Water Power Commission. The commission will appoint a secretary at \$3,500 and expenses, a chief engineer at \$7,000, a counsel at \$7,500 and three deputy commissioners who shall expect to hold office during the pleasure of the commission and receive an annual salary of \$3,500. The commission will also appoint on or before September 1 such engineers, clerks and other employees as shall be authorized after the names are submitted to the Governor.

George E. Van Kester is a lawyer of Ogdensburg and is Mayor of that city. Since the 1st of January he has been connected with the Governor's legal department with William Church Osborn and is conducting the State Prison Department investigation.

James W. Fleming of Troy was appointed by Gov. Dix as Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner on June 15, 1911. Mr. Fleming has been identified with some of the leading business interests of Troy.

John D. Moore was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1874. He was educated in the Springfield public schools and is a graduate of the high school and manual school of that city. In 1895 he graduated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and spent the following year there in postgraduate study. For several years he was connected with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and other large concerns. He spent two years in Maine studying water storage and hydraulic engineering and the subject of practical forestry. At the present time Mr. Moore is serving as the expert for District Attorney Whitman in the investigation of the Asch building fire. Except serving as a member of several commissions he has never held public office. He is an enrolled Democrat, but has not been active in politics. He is married, has three children and lives at 604 West 115th street, New York city. He is a consulting engineer with offices at 30 Church street, New York.

Mr. Fleming's nomination was confirmed at once upon the ground that he had previously been confirmed by the Senate as State Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner, which office is merged in the new State Conservation Commission. The two other nominations were referred to the Finance Committee.

ALBANY RECESS FRIDAY.

Congressmen Urged to Vote for Abrogation of Treaty With Russia.

ALBANY, July 17.—That temporary relief at least is in sight for the legislators after their prolonged session at Albany, was assured to-night when the legislative leaders agreed to adopt a resolution in both houses on Thursday next calling for a recess of the Legislature on Friday next at 2 P. M. until Wednesday, September 6.

In the recess of the Legislature there will be hearings on the new charter for New York city and the charter will be in shape to be passed without delay at the September session. At the same time the Congressional reapportionment is expected to be acted upon provided the United States Senate acts favorably on the reapportionment when it comes up for a vote next month.

Following conferences to-day between Gov. Dix, Senator Ferris and Assemblyman Blauvelt, an effort is to be made to restore the Blauvelt bill to practically the form it was in before it was amended and reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The bill now provides for the direct nomination of members of the Legislature and Common Councils only.

Gov. Dix wants the bill amended so as to provide for Statewide direct nominations for all officers now nominated by convention, except the judges, which is retained. He also favors an official ballot and the election of political committees directly by the people, and the right of county and city delegates to be elected by the people.

Gov. Dix expects to send a message to the Legislature to-morrow on this question of direct nominations. If the Blauvelt bill should be amended as desired by the Governor it is the opinion of some Democratic legislators that it could not be passed in this event it is expected that Gov. Dix would bring the question up again when the Legislature comes back in September.

The Senate to-day adopted Assemblyman Aaron J. Levy's resolution urging New York representatives in Congress to vote in favor of the Goldfogle-Harrison-Sulzer resolution for the abrogation of the treaty with Russia on the grounds of discrimination against the Jewish American citizen.

Sensors Hinman and Brackett spoke and voted against the resolution. They argued that the Legislature had no right to instruct Congress what to do in this matter.

Senator Brackett attacked Mr. Levy and insisted that Mr. Levy was not sincere in his resolution which brought a rebuff from Senator Gaddy. He defended Mr. Levy and insisted that Senator Brackett was doing the New York Assemblyman a grave injustice.

The Assembly passed Senator Sanner's bill giving the Kings county Register the right to appoint his employees and fix their salaries.

NOT OVER THE MAYOR'S VETO.

State Senate Turns Down McManus-Boylan Bill—Hearing Up Today.

ALBANY, July 17.—The Senate to-night voted down a motion of Senator Thomas McManus to pass the McManus-Boylan bill over the veto of Mayor Gaynor. The debate on the bill consumed two hours, during which all of the oratorical fireworks indulged in every time the Eleventh avenue track bill comes up were repeated.

Senator McManus spoke at length in favor of overriding the veto. He was supported by Majority Leader Wagner. The opposition to passing the bill over the Mayor's veto was led by Senator Graydon on the ground that the McManus-Boylan bill was unconstitutional and that one of its provisions, which apparently did so because he did not want the question settled.

Senator Gittins stated to-night that he expected to call up his racing bill to-morrow or Wednesday and that he also expected to have the votes to pass it this time.

Senator Brackett said to-night he had made a suggestion to the Senate to name racing legislation which would warrant the racetracks opening up this season while at the same time preventing gambling.

TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AFTER QUARREL WITH HUSBAND.

Mrs. Nellie Martello, who lives at 830 East 187th street, The Bronx, tried to kill herself by drinking lye yesterday. She and her husband had quarreled about a position she thought he should take. Dr. Taft of Lebanon Hospital administered to her a dose of castor oil and she was taken to the hospital's prison ward.

"Through the Alps to Niagara"

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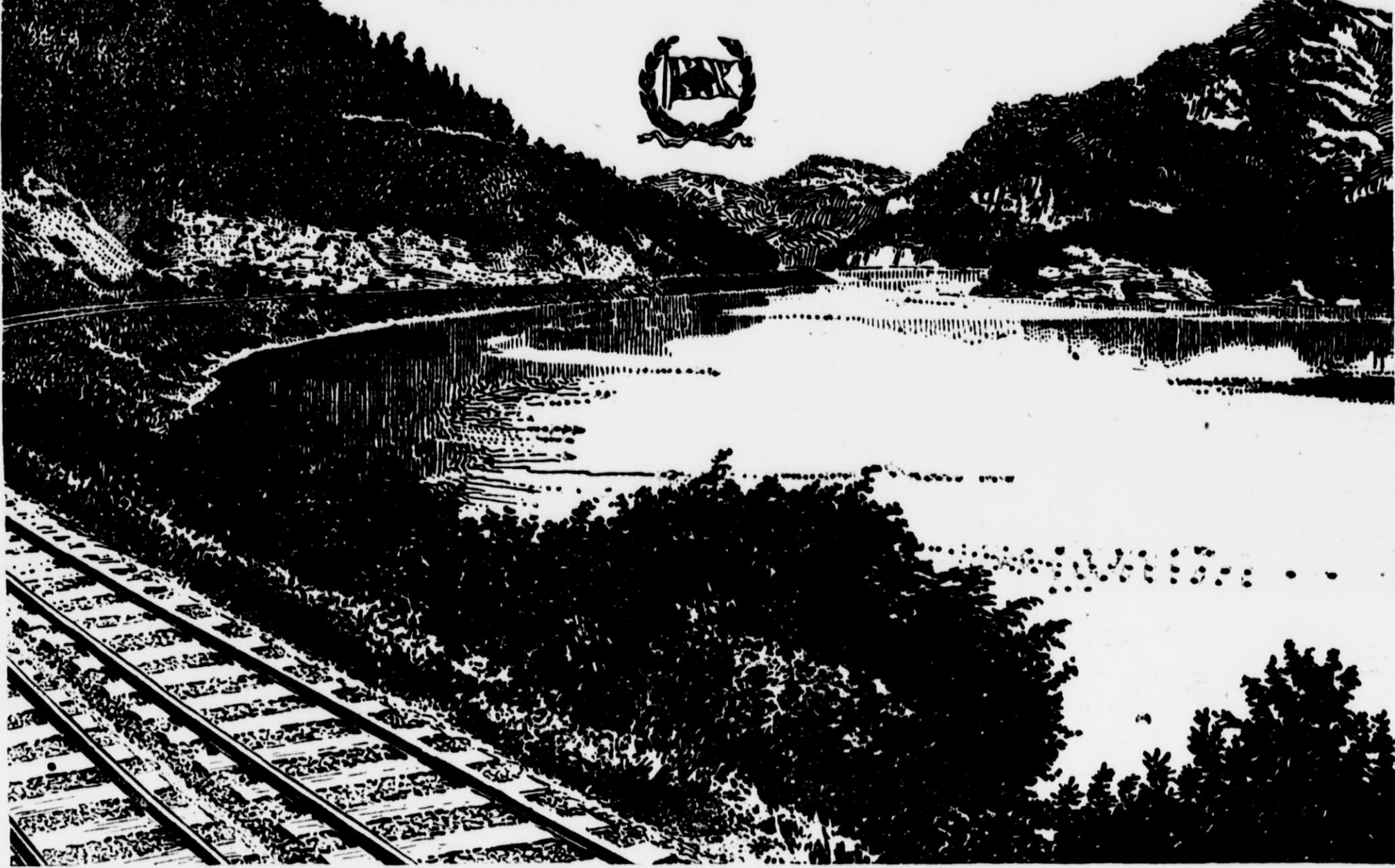
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CATLIN FOR HIGHWAYS.

Dix Sets the Salary at \$7,500 and Also Nominates Hensel and Treman.

ALBANY, July 17.—Gov. Dix to-night sent to the Senate for confirmation the nomination of William H. Catlin of Port Chester, N. Y., as State Superintendent of Highways and has fixed the salary at \$7,500 per annum. The salary of the State Engineer, which has been fixed by the Governor as high as \$8,000. The two other members of the commission are State Engineer John A. Bensen of Manhattan and State Superintendent of Public Works Charles E. Treman of Ithaca.

The State Superintendent of Highways, subject to the approval of the State Senate, will have the honor of appointing two deputies, both of whom must have had practical experience in road building. He is authorized also to appoint "such resident engineers, clerks, officers and other employees as may be required subject to the civil service provisions of the law."

Mr. Catlin is a native of the State of New York. For more than forty years he has resided in Westchester county. He has extensive real estate holdings in the town of Rye. Through his real estate operations Mr. Catlin has acquired many miles of road and is considered an expert on the subject of road building. In the years 1880, 1881 and 1882 Mr. Catlin represented the Second Assembly district of Westchester county in the Assembly. He served on the Insurance and Railroad committees. Politically he was a Cleveland Democrat.

During the first administration of President Cleveland Mr. Catlin was appointed by the President to take charge of the extermination of pleuropneumonia in cattle in all the Eastern States. This work involved the expenditure of from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000 per year and the employment of 2,000 persons.

Mr. Catlin is a Democrat but for the past several years has not been active politically. He is the stepfather of State Senator J. Mayhew Wainwright and Richard W. Wainwright, a brother of the Senator, who was himself a candidate for State Senator in Westchester a few years ago on the Democrat ticket. Mr. Catlin was strongly commended to the Governor.

STRANGLED TO DEATH BY CHAIR BACK.

With his head wedged between the bars on the back of a wooden chair Stephen Toth, 48 years old, was found dead in his room in a furnished room house at 6 Charlton street, Newark, early yesterday morning.

Toth suffered from fainting spells and it is believed that he was seized with one of these attacks and in falling thrust his head through the back of the chair and was strangled.

FROM METHODIST TO EPISCOPAL PULPIT.

RAHWAY, N. J., July 17.—The Rev. Robert A. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist Church, last evening tendered his resignation to take effect immediately. He resigns to enter the Episcopal ministry, having received notice of his acceptance in that denomination on Friday afternoon and also of his appointment to the assistant rectorship of St. Bernard's Church of Rahway.

CANADIAN BANK EXPANSION.

OTTAWA, July 17.—Following the announcement that the Bank of Montreal will increase its capital by \$1,000,000, it is announced to-day that the Bank of Toronto will formally announce in a few days its decision to increase its capital by \$1,000,000, making its total capital \$5,000,000.

NABBED AS SOUND PIRATES.

Two Men With Motor Boat Arrested on Flushing Bay.

Efforts to round up the gang of Sound pirates who have been looting yachts and motor boats since the opening of the season have been set on foot by the Seawanhaka Boat Club, whose headquarters is on Flushing Bay off Corona, L. I.

The first arrests were made yesterday and John Gerber, 25 years old, and Henry Bennett, 21 years old, both giving as their address 194 Park street, Corona, were held in \$500 bail each by Magistrate Fitch in the Long Island City police court on a charge of grand larceny. They are charged with having stripped the twenty-six foot motor boat Georgie, owned by Anthony Novoy of 101 Lincoln street, Corona, secretary of the club.

With a party of friends Mr. Novoy started on Saturday for a sail on the Sound, but found that his boat had been visited by thieves and about everything movable and of any value had been carried off. Suspicion pointed to a nameless motor boat anchored some distance away. Detectives Killane and Fordham joined the club members in a hunt for the thieves.

Equipped with marine glasses the two detectives with Mr. Novoy and Fred W. Turnbull, Marc Viollet and Fred W. Teves took up points of vantage in boats on the shore, and all of Saturday night and part of Sunday they kept watch on the boat under suspicion. They at length saw two men, who afterward proved to be Gerber and Bennett, put part on an engine into a rowboat and then pull off to the nameless boat and get aboard. A number of other rowboats with the watchers aboard shot out from different points and the pair were captured. It is said that more than \$100 worth of equipment was found aboard the boat, every article of which was later identified as stolen.

\$46,000,000 MORE CITY BONDS.

Whopping Big Sum, Says the Mayor, as the Board Adopts Budget.

The Board of Estimate adopted the corporate stock budget yesterday. It calls for the issue of \$46,807,815 of bonds for permanent public improvements for the present year.

Before he voted for the budget the Mayor remarked: "I suppose that the committee did the best that it could, but \$46,000,000 is a whopping big sum and I rather think that even with that large bond sale we will have to appropriate more money before the end of the year."

Not one of the Borough Presidents protested that if they should get what is apportioned to them in the stock budget they would not ask for more. The purposes for which the money is to be spent were explained when the committee brought in its report last week.

KILLED WHILE DRIVING ALONG RAILROAD.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., July 17.—Charles Dahm, aged 20 years, of Mariners Harbor, Staten Island, was killed near here last night by a Philadelphia express train while he was crossing the tracks with a horse and carriage.

NO BROOKLYN CAR STRIKE.

Coney Island and Brooklyn Co. and Its Men Likely to Agree.

The trouble between the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company and conductors, which several times threatened to culminate in a strike for higher wages and the payment of overtime, is likely to be settled amicably. It was stated yesterday.

The present peace movement has been largely brought about by the State Board of Arbitration. A conference between President Huff and the representatives of the men was to have taken place yesterday, but he was out of town and it had to be postponed until the end of the week. The demands of the men are for an increase in wages from 23 cents to 25 cents an hour for the first ten hours and all working runs to have thirty minutes allowed for meals; no straight runs to be in excess of ten hours and thirty minutes, including mealtime; all time over ten hours to be overtime and paid at the rate of time and a half; no swing or tripper runs to pay less than \$2 within thirteen hours, all time over thirteen hours to be regarded as overtime. There are other minor demands.

MAY RUSH TO STRIKE.

Leather Workers in the Mood to Act Without Deliberation.

The principal speaker at a meeting of fancy leather workers held yesterday at 98 Forsyth street, a large part of the audience being from the 1,100 leather workers now on strike, was Miss Mary E. Dreier, president of the Women's Trade Union League, who asked all the girls working at the trade to vote for a general strike at the mass meeting called by the union for to-morrow evening.

It had been intended by the strike leaders to devote to-night's meeting to speeches explaining the situation and to call a meeting for to-morrow night to vote on a general strike of the 7,000 members of the union. It was said yesterday, though, that to-night's meeting may be stamped into declaring a strike.

ENGINEER ISSUED WALTON KILLED.

A westbound freight train drawn by a large locomotive sidetracked another engine running "wildcat" on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Evergreen avenue in Newark early yesterday morning.

Isaac Walton of Trenton, engineer of the "wildcat," was killed and J. R. Hopkins, 27 years old, fireman of the same engine, was scalded. He is in St. Michael's Hospital, but his condition is not serious. Detective Godfrey of the Prosecutor's office recommended the arrest of E. C. Williams, though that to-night's meeting may be stamped into declaring a strike.

RUN OVER AND KILLED BY ICE WAGON.

An ice wagon belonging to Timothy J. Sullivan of 620 West 135th street ran over and killed John McDowell, a driver of 280 Old Broadway, last evening in front of 675 West 113th street. McDowell had approached the wagon as it was moving to speak with Sullivan. He slipped and fell, a wheel passing over him. He died in the street. Sullivan was arrested.

HORSE IN A SALOON.

Runaway's Arrival at the Bar Scattered the Regulars.

A runaway horse had John O'Connell's saloon at Eighth avenue and 126th street to himself for ten minutes or so last evening. O'Connell's customers left their beer and stamped for the back room when the runaway charged through the swing doors.

The horse was being driven to its stable about 6:30 P. M. by Harry Mahby, who works for Daniel Reeves, a St. Nicholas avenue grocer, when it took a notion to spoil a good record. Harry had picked up two boy friends, Frank Dodge of 288 West 146th street and William Greeley of 2713 Eighth avenue and was giving them a ride. Mahby lost control at Seventh avenue and 126th street and the runaway struck into full gallop, swinging the light wagon from side to side and narrowly missing vehicles that were making their way slowly down the avenue.

It turned west at 126th street, dodging half a dozen men who tried to grab at the bridle, and finally slammed the wagon against a pillar of the elevated railway in Eighth avenue. The shock catapulted Mahby, Dodge and Greeley into the street. The harness broke and the horse dashed straight for McConnell's saloon on the southwest corner of Eighth avenue and 126th street.

Fifteen men were resting their feet on the brass rail and chatting with McConnell when the interruption came. The horse plunged in with a clatter of hoofs and lost no time in getting the bar, picked it up and came to a stop against the free lunch counter. By that time McConnell was all alone and viewing the wreckage from the top of his bar.

The running was all out of the horse. It stood shivering and sweating. McConnell got down from the bar and petted it. "Have a drink, old fellow," said he. "I didn't leak in a heavy way, but you're welcome now that you are here."

When Policeman Silva showed up he found McConnell watering the animal and soothing it, while the other customers stood up as best they could under his joshing.

The three boys were not badly hurt. Mahby got a sprained ankle and Dodge and Greeley were cut and bruised.

SAFE AFTER 3 WEEKS IN BOAT.

Half the Crew of the Puritan Reach Tahiti—Other Boatload Missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The old bark Puritan has been lost in the south Pacific off the Pusanatu group. Part of the crew, twelve men, after three weeks of hardship at sea are now safe. The rest, about a dozen, have not been heard from. The Puritan was forty-seven days out of New Castle, Australia, with coal. She sprang a leak in a heavy sea and was abandoned on June 27, the crew taking to the boats.

WOMAN KILLED BY FALL FROM WINDOW.

Ten days ago Antonietta Sciolto arrived in this country and went to live with her nephew, Giuseppe Delia, on the sixth floor of a tenement house at 41 East Sixteenth street. The big building and the bustle in the street attracted her greatly. She spent much time looking out of the window at the traffic below. Yesterday morning she leaned out too far and lost her balance. She plunged downward, almost knocking a man out of the second story window as she fell to the street. She was dead when Dr. Hoffman came from Bellevue Hospital.

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